Perumpavur and Alwaye is not so great and there is regular bus service between the two towns. The communications leading up to Perumpavur are the same and people have to travel only for a quarter to half an hour further on.

The Stationary Magistrate at Alwaye is over-burdened with a heavy file. After his transfer to Perumpavur the Government will give him a file which will be possible for him to dispose of and the magisterial file in the immediate neighbourhood of Alwaye will fall to another officer. The arrangement has not yet been given effect to. As I remarked the whole weight of considered opinion is for the transfer of the First Class Magistrate's court from Perumpavur to Alwaye. This was considered systematically and carefully time and again.

The Administrative Board, Medical Services, is still of opinion that the statistics of the institution do not justify the conversion of the Perumpavur dispensary into a hospital. It is only the other day that the institution was shifted to a two-storeyed building which provides more accommodation to patients.

The Kodanad dispensary is to be opened almost immediately.

The strength does not justify the raising of the Perumpavur Middle School to a High School. After all, Perumpavur is only a very small town.

I shall ask the Anchal Superintendent to take up at once the question of converting the Karukutti Anchal office into a departmental office.

The Assembly adjourned for lunch at 2 P. M. and re-assembled at 3 P. M.

132. Needs of the Kunnathunad taluk.

MR. PAILI KORA TARAKAN (*Member, Kunnathunad taluk, Group II*) dealt with the following needs of the Kunnathunad taluk:—

(1) The Kizhillam-Kurichilakod road should be converted into a cart road. This was a very old village road. For converting it into a cart road, Government had not to incur much expenditure. If the whole road could not be made cartable immediately, it would be enough if the road was made cartable from Kizhillam to Kuruppumpadi.

(2) A new cart road should be opened from the Kuttikal trace, 1st mile, to Marottikadavu near the Perumtottam Bungalow at Periyar. This road would pass through the Vengur pakuthi, one of the richest and most densely populated pakuthies of the taluk, and it would open up many areas fit for cultivation, which were now lying waste being inaccessible by roads.

(3) Another new cart road should be opened from Kumarapuram market to Palarivattam. Palarivattam was a place two miles due east of Ernakulam, which the Cochin Government had connected with Ernakulam by a road. If a new road was opened from Kumarapuram market to Palarivattam the people in the heart of the Kunnathunad taluk would get an easy access to Ernakulam. This road would be only about 6 miles in length.

(4) Government should take over for maintenance the road from Thiruvaniyur to Kurinji, which the people of these places had constructed as a cartable road.

(5) The Vittur-Valampur road should be made cartable. Provision was made for this work in the Budget of 1103; but the work had not been put in hand yet. It had to be expedited.

(6) The people of Perumpavur suffered to a great extent from scarcity of water in the hot season. Government had ordered the sinking of two wells at the place in the current year. But that was not enough. At least four or five more wells were necessary as well as two tanks. In the alternative, it was enough if a canal was opened from the Periyar to the place called Palakkattutazham.

(7) The District Court at Parur should be shifted to Perumpavur. The jurisdiction of this court extended to Devicolam, Todupuzha etc. People from all these distant places had now to go to Parur in the north-western corner of the State. But Perumpavur was situated somewhere at the centre of the area over which the court had jurisdiction. It would therefore be more convenient to people if the court was located at Perumpavur. One of the chief objections to this proposal was that a new building had been constructed at Parur for the District Court. But many

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other offices at Parur were located in rented buildings and in case the District Court was shifted from the place, that building could be used for accommodating these offices.

(8) A charging police station should be established at Mammala. The nearest police station was now at Perumpavur 20 miles away. Mammala was also a place on the Cochin frontier. Hence a police station was very necessary there.

(9) The English Middle School at Perumpavur should be converted into a High School.

(10) Arrangements should be made for introducing street-lighting at Perumpavur and for opening minor conservancy stations at Edapalli, Kuruppampadi and Puthankurisu.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Tarakan, the Chief Engineer is of opinion that the road is very badly aligned, that is, the road from Kizhillam to Kodanad, and is not suitable for conversion into a cart road.

MEMBER: The road may be made cartable up to Kuruppumpadi at least.

DEWAN: I will ask the Chief Engineer to consider that.

In regard to the new road you propose from the Kuttikal road, 1st mile, to the Marottikadavu on the Periyar near Perumtottam Bungalow, the Chief Engineer says that it requires investigation which he will order at once.

So also with regard to the road from Kumarapuram market to Palarivattam.

Your suggestion regarding the assumption by P. W. D. of the ryots' road from Thiruvaniyur to Kurinji, the Chief Engineer considers to be a useful one and he proposes to recommend that the road be taken over by Government.

In regard to the conversion of the Vittur-Valampur road into a cart road, the Chief Engineer has got an estimate ready and it will be submitted to Government shortly.

In regard to the water supply to Perumpavur town, we have sanctioned an estimate for a new well in the place of the existing one. The work is in progress and it will be completed in the present dry weather.

The opening of a canal from the Periyar to Perumpavur is in the opinion of experts impracticable.

The question of moving the District Court from Parur to Alwaye or Perumpavur is under the consideration of the High Court.

In regard to the police station at Mammala, if the Commissioner of Police says it is desirable, it will be established. Anyway there is at present an out-post at Mammala.

As regards lighting the Perumpavur town, it is a conservancy town. The Sanitary Commissioner is taking that question up and he considers that this may be provided for in the next year's budget (1104). He is also considering the question of minor conservancy stations at Edapalli, Kuruppumpadi and Puttankurisu.

133. Needs of Alwaye.

MR. M. V. NARAYANAN NAMPUTIRIPAD (*Member, Municipal Council, Alwaye*) said that a bridge was absolutely necessary at Alwaye. In the rainy season when the river was in floods the people were being put to much difficulty. The ferry service at the place was not at all satisfactory. People had to wait for long hours before the ferryman would take them across. There was a representation about the same subject at the former session of the Assembly, but no reply appeared to have been given to that representation.

Secondly, the member urged for the restoration of the Alangad taluk. It was an important taluk of considerable historical interest. It was a pity that such an important taluk was done away with. The people of the taluk were put to great inconvenience by the abolition of the taluk, particularly in the matter of administration of criminal justice.

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